

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

**Shenea James, as administrator of the
estate of Dedrick James,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**3d AMENDED
SCHEDULING ORDER**

United States of America, et al.,

Defendants.

PURSUANT TO the order of the Hon. David G. Larimer, Senior district Judge referring the above case to the undersigned for pretrial matters and the entry of a scheduling order under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b) and W.D.N.Y. Loc. R. Civ. P. 16, and the parties having submitted a joint request for extension of deadlines, (ECF No. 46), and the undersigned having found good cause pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4) to extend deadlines, it is

ORDERED that

1. **Close of fact discovery.** The parties shall complete all fact discovery by November 1, 2024.
2. **Experts.** Plaintiff shall identify any expert witnesses and serve any expert reports no later than December 13, 2024. Defendant shall identify any expert witnesses and serve any expert reports no later than January 24, 2025. **The parties shall complete all expert discovery by no later than February 28, 2025.**

3. **Motions to compel.** The parties shall file any motions to compel discovery no later than November 1, 2024.

4. **Dispositive motions.** Dispositive motions, if any, shall be filed no later than May 26, 2025.

5. **Discovery disputes.** If a discovery dispute arises, the parties shall initially advise the Court of the dispute via letter (with copy to opposing counsel). Upon review of the letter, the Court will generally schedule a conference with the parties to attempt to settle the dispute informally. If the dispute is not resolved informally, the parties will have the opportunity to file a formal motion. This informal discovery dispute process is not expedited motion practice. Therefore, letter submissions should provide a brief overview of the issue with supporting documentation and the parties' position. Parties do not waive arguments by failing to raise them in their letter submissions. If a dispute arises during the taking of a deposition that cannot be resolved by the parties, the parties are permitted to contact chambers via telephone from the location of the deposition.

6. **Extensions.** COUNSEL IS DIRECTED TO READ THIS PROVISION CAREFULLY.

a. When seeking an extension of **any deadline** in this scheduling order, the parties **must file a motion, or letter motion, before the deadline that shows good cause.** Absent truly exceptional circumstances, any motion for an extension shall be made at least **one week** before the deadline to be extended.

- b. **The Court will deny any extension request that fails to show diligence.** “[A] finding of good cause depends on the diligence of the moving party.” *Parker v. Columbia Pictures Indus.*, 204 F.3d 326, 340 (2d Cir. 2000).
- c. **The Court may reject any extension request and require it to be refiled if it does not include specific new dates that fall on a business day.**

7. **Warning.** The undersigned may, on motion or *sua sponte*, impose sanctions where parties willfully ignore or otherwise fail to adhere to this scheduling order under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 13, 2024
Rochester, NY

/s/ Mark W. Pedersen

MARK W. PEDERSEN
United States Magistrate Judge